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SATURDAY...FEBRUARY 21, 1885.

Shameful Maladministration.

Eighty thousand dollars of Government money were expended last fall by Mr. ARTHUR's Administration in the effort to compel the State of New York to vote for Mr. BLAINE! Nay, eighty thousand dollars of Government money were expended in providing deputy marshals and supervisors of election in that one State. But if to that sum you add the thousands of dollars collected from the thousands of Federal officials in the same State, you will find that more than a hundred thousand dollars of the money wrung from the people in the shape of taxes was used in the vain attempt to bribe, bulldoze, and terrify the voters of that one Commonwealth into casting its electoral vote for BLAINE and LOGAN.

Suppose there had been a fair election last November, and the people's money had not been wasted in unlawful ways, what States would BLAINE have carried? In 1876 and in 1880 the people were cheated out of some of their choice for Presidents of the United States. In 1876 they were openly defrauded. In 1880 they were defrauded, as they came so near being defrauded in 1884, by the methods first above alluded to—that is, by converting the National Government into an integral portion of the Republican party, and using the people's money as if it had belonged to the Republican party, and the people's servants as if they had been the servants of the Republican party. A party so hideous and corrupt never before disgraced the country, and it is to be hoped will never again disgrace it—a party whose highest officials were not ashamed to prostitute their places to partisan purposes, nor to excite sectional strife as a means of perpetuating their power, nor to use the public money as if it belonged to themselves.

How was it that even the best men in the Republican party were unable to see that they were sinning against their country? Sectional prejudices and partisan passion blinded them. This is the only charitable explanation. But what would they say—if the Democrats should "follow a multitude to do evil"? What if Mr. CLEVELAND's Administration should spend a hundred thousand dollars in New York in 1886 in order to make certain the election of a Democratic House of Representatives? What if they appoint twenty thousand supervisors and deputy marshals in Cincinnati—nay, in every large city—and arm them with bulldog revolvers? It is as certain as anything in the future can be that if the Democrats choose to follow the bad example set them by the Republicans they can control this Government for the next twenty years, or, we might say, fifty. Why, it is enough to make a friend of free government shudder to think of what this country escaped when it elected GROVER CLEVELAND President of the United States. The campaign of 1884 was tentative. If it had succeeded, the campaign of 1888 (and all beyond that) would have been a campaign of just as many deputy marshals and supervisors of elections as it would have been necessary to appoint in order to effect their purpose of perpetuating Republican rule.

Gladstone's Policy.

Mr. GLADSTONE's statement in the House of Commons Thursday that the policy of the Government to "evacuate Egypt eventually remained unchanged" is ingenious, to say the least. "Eventually" is a very indefinite word, and in view of all the circumstances pretty well bears out the theory that the Premier is maneuvering to get into line with popular feeling without sacrificing self-respect or principle. Consistency demanded some such statement from him, but if it had been put in any other form it would have been hardly less than a direct challenge to the people. As it stands, it strongly suggests a ministerial reservation, which is of course and public sentinel will permit such a policy to be carried out. Eventual evacuation may be the theoretic policy of the Government, but nothing seems to be further from the mind of the masses than practical evacuation. If the tone of the English press can be relied upon, Lord SALISBURY and Sir STAFFORD NORTH-COTE voiced the dominant sentiment—the one in terms the policy of the Government "a fruitless policy" and the other in declaring it imperatively necessary to the interests of the British empire and the Egyptian people that the Government should distinctly recognize and take decided measures to fulfill the responsibility now impending upon them to ensure a good, stable government in Egypt and in those portions of the Sudan necessary for Egypt's security. And we believe that no one recognizes that this is the dominant sentiment more fully than does Mr. GLADSTONE—that no one more fully appreciates how that a vigorous policy is essential to the maintenance of British prestige. The logical conclusion, therefore, is that in announcing the position of the Government Mr. GLADSTONE simply entered a perfidious protest preparatory to submitting to the inevitable. The charges of the Conservative leaders to the contrary notwithstanding, he cannot be held responsible for the death of GORDON, and a direct and violent change of front would do injustice to a large element who sustained him in what is termed his vaccination.

Another thing that militates against the probability of the eventual evacuation policy is the fact that the railroad from Suakin to Berber is to be permanent. When finished it will give the British a most desirable base of supplies and put them in rapid communication with the richest portion of the African continent. Above Khartoum, to which the railroad could be easily extended, the White Nile is navigable for fifteen hundred miles. If the British tax-payers fail to force an opening up of the country for commercial purposes—fail to make the Sudan pay the cost of pacification—such neglect will be a most remarkable exception to their well-known policy.

The Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette says: "An evil is growing up in this country which needs correction." Several evils have grown up in this country which need correction, and the rules of the Senate do not allow general legislation to be done on an appropriation bill! This is the foolish rule we called attention to a week or two ago.

Why It Was Done.

The telegraph told us yesterday that the United States Senate Committee had struck out of the post-office appropriation bill the sections or clauses making an ounce the unit for (two cents) letter postage and reducing the postage on second-class matter sent by publishers to one cent a pound. These excellent features were struck from the bill, not because a majority of the Senators are opposed to them, but as a sacrifice to Red Tape. They are of the nature of general legislation; and the rules of the Senate do not allow general legislation to be done on an appropriation bill!

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But let not the reader suppose that Red Tape will necessarily win the victory. On the contrary, when the conference committee shall have done their work, and the Senate shall have approved that work, it will probably be found that, general legislation or no general legislation, the two features spoken of have become the law of the land.

Great is Red Tape! But it sometimes has to give precedence to Com-

mon Sense. The House of Representatives exercises a constitutional privilege when it puts general legislation upon an appropriation bill. The Senate exceeds its just powers when it forbids such legislation to be put upon such bills. We call upon the House to stand firm. The people will justify it when it is as clearly in the right as it is in this instance.

Sectional Agitation.

It is not possible for the Republicans to wave the bloody shirt for four consecutive years with any damaging effect upon the fortunes of the National Democratic party. The northern people cannot but be disgusted with sectional clamor long before 1888, if Mr. WHITELAW REED and Mr. MURAT HALSTEAD shall persist in crying "Wolf! wolf!" when there is no wolf. You may run a few yards as a means of enabling you to jump a ditch, but if you run a mile for that purpose you will find yourself unequal to the task when you reach the spot where the bound is to be made. So the agitation of the sectional question in which the gentlemen named above have been engaged for the last four months (to say nothing of their anti-presidential-election performances) must have the effect, if kept up for the next four years, of rendering the shriekers unable to do in 1888 what it is barely possible they might do if they would postpone their unholy work until a more auspicious period.

But, no; we have conceded too much to the bloody-shirt gang. We will not admit that it will be possible for them to accomplish any of their nefarious purposes even though they spring the question of "government by the shotgun" (that is their phrase) upon the court just before the presidential election of 1888. It was always possible to excite the fears of the more ignorant of the northern people so long as the Democrats were out of power; for such people could not know certainly what the terrible Democrats might do. But it cannot be possible to excite those fears even in the breasts of the most ignorant of the northern people in the face of the fact that for four years a Democratic Administration has controlled the Government in the interest of peace, harmony, and prosperity, and for the benefit of all sections and of all races. If the agitators declare that the Democrats will repeal good laws or enact bad laws, the ready answer is, "But they haven't done so." Why, even the Republicans of the Western Reserve of Ohio, or of the most benighted portion of Vermont, would laugh to scorn the charge that the Democrats intended to pension Confederate soldiers or to pay the debts of the Confederate States, if for four years previously Mr. CLEVELAND had administered the Government as it is confidently expected by his friends and supporters he will administer it.

Mr. ATKINSON argues that if silver coinage be continued the whole nation will be contaminated annually by the people of the United States is liable sooner or later to advance 10 or 15 per cent. Without arguing about this, we may answer that the American people produce much more than they consume, and consequently they will be gainers by a reasonable appreciation in value. JOHN E. MASSEY.

The Hughes Resolution.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
UNITED STATES,
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19, 1885.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Now we like STORMONT'S Dictionary of the English Language better than any other; and Messrs. WEST, JOHNSTON & CO. have sent us a copy bound by themselves for our benefit. It originally came out in Nos.

Judge Bond and Hughes to re-open the State debt question of Virginia for political purposes by nullifying her laws; but that such will be the effect of their recent enactment of the Parsons coupon case scarcely admits of a doubt.

It is also apparent that it is not the purpose of those who claim, *very injuriously*, the honor of having settled the State debt to allow *any settlement* so long as they can make political capital by its agitation. And it must be apparent to all thinking men that those who are seeking to make political capital and thereby regain control in Virginia by reopening this question should succeed, her best interests will be endangered and her hopes and prospects of better days indefinitely postponed.

It is further apparent that the holders of Virginia bonds do not intend to accept the settlement of the State debt which was "declared constitutional by the courts of last resort, both State and Federal," but to harrass the State in every conceivable way; and that men who hold the opposite opinions upon the subject, who stand at the extremes of the two sides of the question, and who are agitating it for entirely different purposes, are, nevertheless, without seeming to aware of it, siding each other in this work.

What under these circumstances, can and ought to be done?

The Legislature has well nigh exhausted its powers and may have in some instances exceeded them. What then?

I see but one way of escape from this seeming interminable confusion and embarrassment. That way is by a *constitutional convention*. I therefore appeal to our legislators to submit to the voters of Virginia the question of the call of such a convention at the earliest day practicable, and earnestly appeal to the people of Virginia to give me this subject that consideration its importance demands. Very respectfully,

JOHN E. MASSEY.

"Sandust Used Medically."

This is one of the latest ideas in medicine. But whatever you do with your sandust, don't take it internally. Bathe your head with it, scratch your back with it, or make a sticking-plaster of it—only don't swallow it. The great medicine for debility, weakness, dyspepsia, rheumatism, and liver-tuberculosis is Brown's Iron Bitters. Mr. John Jenkins, of 138 Jefferson street, Baltimore, will repeat good laws or enact bad laws, the ready answer is, "But they haven't done so." Why, even the Republicans of the Western Reserve of Ohio, or of the most benighted portion of Vermont, would laugh to scorn the charge that the Democrats intended to pension Confederate soldiers or to pay the debts of the Confederate States, if for four years previously Mr. CLEVELAND had administered the Government as it is confidently expected by his friends and supporters he will administer it.

DEATHS.

CHANDLER.—Died at his residence, No. 211½ East Main-street, city of Richmond, on Friday evening, at 11 P.M., W. F. CHANDLER, aged sixty-four years. His funeral will take place at Leigh Street Chapel, on Saturday morning, at 11 o'clock. Price, 100.

HARRIS.—Post at Leigh Street Chapel, on the morning of February 20th, in her nineteenth year, Miss CORA LEE HAGGE.

JUDGE HUGHES is the man who originated that phrase "cutworm of the treasury." What a "cutworm of the treasury" his Auditor or Receiver would be should the Judge condone to take charge of the Executive, the Legislative, and the Judicial departments of the State government!

We publish this morning a letter from Mr. MASSEY.

Unfortunately for Mr. MASSEY's suggestion, a Constitutional Convention, so far as the State debt and the decisions of Federal courts are concerned, has no other or greater powers than a State Legislature!

The State debt is as far from being settled as it ever has been, and we shall not be surprised if repudiation is the final result. The people are ripe for it now, and only requires the advocacy of the press of the State to make it an assured fact. We do not yet advocate it, but unless the creditors of Virginia accede to the terms of the Riddleberger bill it will not be long before "repudiation" will be the cry from every county in the State.—*Advertiser.*

[Do the bondholders hear that?]

The Blair educational bill will be discussed in Covington to-night (Friday). The editor of the Dispatch is cordially invited to attend.—*Allegany Sentinel.*

[Thanks; but were you not rather in a hurry to send out your tickets?]

The March number of *The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine* has been received, and is rich in contributions and illustrations. Among the especially attractive features are "The Land of the False Prophet," by General R. E. COLSTON, and a series of papers on the Monitor and the Merrimac.

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